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COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO JANUARY 29, 2004 NOTICE OF NON-
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Dear Sir:

This Communication is being filed in reply to a Notice of Non-compliant Amendment (the "Notice") mailed January 29, 2004, in connection with the above application. The Notice provides a one-month period for response. Therefore, a response was due on February 29, 2004. Applicants are concurrently petitioning for a three-month extension of time, extending the period for reply to May 29, 2004. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed within the three-month extended deadline.

The Notice states that a complete listing is not present in the Amendment filed on January 15, 2004. Accordingly, Applicants are providing a complete listing of the claims starting on page 2, which will replace all prior listings.